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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NORTH ATLANTIC EN ROUTE NAVIGATIONAL USER CHARGES

MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

1. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION MAY 9 AT EMBASSY SPONSORED FILM
SHOWING, W H HUCK, ADMINISTRATOR, CANADIAN AIR
TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (MOT),
CASUALLY INFORMED TCO THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF PAN AMERICAN
WORLD AIRWAYS, INC, AND TRANSCONTINENTAL WORLD AIRWAYS, INC, HAD
RECENTLY MET WITH SENIOR MOT OFFICIALS (PRESUMABLY WITH
TRANSPORT MINISTER MARCHAND IN THE CHAIR) FOR DISCUSSION
CARRIERS' DESIRE FOR RELIEF FROM THESE CANADIAN USER
CHARGES. GOC ATTITUDE WAS DESCRIBED AS NEGATIVE AND A
LETTER IS UNDER PREPARATION FORMALLY REJECTING CARRIERS'
REQUEST FOR RELIEF. PAN AM AND TWA THREATENED INVOKE
RECENT US ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION. HUCK SAID
GOC TOLD THEM IT HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THEIR DOING SO
AND WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSIONS WITH USG ON THIS ISSUE.
ALSO, MOT IS CONSIDERING SENDING, IN ADDITION TO LETTER
TO CARRIERS, COMMUNICATION TO US SECRETARY OF
TRANSPORTATION INDICATING IT WOULD WELCOME BILATERAL
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DISCUSSION ON ISSUE BUT DECISION TO DO THIS HAS NOT

YET BEEN TAKEN.

2. HUCK ALSO MENTIONED THAT AS POART OF HIS TRIP TO EUROPE FOR TE PARIS AIR SHOW HE HOPED TO MEET WITH IATA REPRESENTATIVES FOR DISCUSSION OF USER CHARGES QUESTION, BUT DID NOT PROVIDE ANY DETAILS OF WHAT WOULD BE TALKED ABOUT.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN THE LARGE AMOUNTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE REQUIRED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES AS GOC DEVELOPS ITS NEW NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY (SEE OUR A-211, WPRIL 10, 1975),TCO WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF GOC IS CONSIDERING INITIATIVE TO SECURE INTERNATIONAL SHARING OF COSTS (ESPECIALLY CAPITAL COSTS) OF PROVIDING THESE SERVICES FOR THE WESTERN NORTH ATLANTIC. PORTER

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